

It is indeed a pleasure to be
here ~~in this~~ this evening <sup>ST. ANTHONY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH</sup>

Share ^{with you} my experience as a BLACK
CAYMAN Living with AIDS.

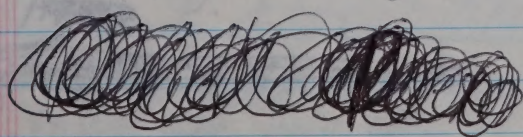
It is ^{affirming} ~~good~~ to know that this -
THE **BLACK** CHURCH WEEK OF PRAYER
~~CALLS~~ calls for the healings of AIDS

of All people, regardless of religious
affiliation, sexual orientation ^{and without} moral

Judgement. This is a serious pandemic

we face as ^{OF AFRICAN DECENT} people - and we must rely

ON the voices, the knowledge, AND strength
of each and every one of us to see
us all through it.



2011/11/11

1997 Black Church wk. of Prayer for the
healing of AIDS St. MARKS Catholic
church

After 13 yrs of living with

A/V ~~13 of those~~ and the LAST 3 of those

diagnosed AS living with AIDS - I am Asked

How do you do it. The ANSWER is very

simple - I am blessed. I am

blessed

- 1 I ~~know~~ ^{wake} up every day knowing ~~that~~ ^{that} this
is a fact - I am blessed
- 2 I ~~believe~~ ^{AND} know that there is a
higher power, ^(THE CREATOR) AND I rest comfortable
knowing the SHE LOVES me, because
I am her child
- 3 I have a family who Loves AND cares
for me - despite there sometimes inability
to ^{psychically} ~~show~~ ^{show} - I feel it - I am blessed
- 4 ~~I have friends who are there for me~~
I have friends who are there for me
- knowing that I live with AIDS -
~~AND~~
- 5 ~~I am strong~~

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5 I AM of my **right** mind
 I am in control of my health care
 I AM NOT A VICTIM, I AM NOT in denial,
~~AND~~ I REFUSE to Let anyone make
 me feel Ashame for any thing that I AM
 BLACK / GAY / MALE / Living with AIDS
 OR CHRISTIAN, AND I AM NOT IN FEAR of DEATH
 AND LASTLY I WILL NOT BE SILENT

for in Silence Lies the seeds of
 fear AND in Fear there can be no
 LOVE AND Love is the most precious
 gift we have.

It is not easy, it has not been easy
 and I suspect ~~that~~ there will always
 be Challenges in ~~dealing~~ living
 with this virus, but it is A process
 that I face ONE DAY at a time,
 resting and believing that there is nothing
 that ~~the~~ ^{Creator} ~~can~~ AND ~~the~~ I cannot work through

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OR CHRISTIAN and I am not in FEAR
BLACK GAY/MALE living with AIDS
my feel responsible for anything that I am
I REFUSE to let anyone make
I am not a victim, I am not a danger
I am in control of my health care
I am of my right mind

INSURANCE INFORMATIVE

*The Importance of having Insurance

*Insurance as Financial Planning:

- Annuities

- Mutual Funds

- Retirement Plans

- Disability Insurance*****

*Different Types of Insurance/Specific Need

Life

How much do I really need??

Individual vs. Group

Disability

How much is Really "WISE" to carry??

Individual vs. Group

Health Insurance

Coverage under Group Plan

Coverage under Individual Plan

**GETING INSURANCE AFTER TESTING "HIV+"

\$\$VIATICAL SETTLEMENTS\$\$

How does it work/

Can I get one without loosing my job/

Health Coverage or other vital benefits??



AIDS
SURVIVAL
PROJECT
A COALITION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HIV

November 20, 1997

Dear:

Lynda
Sheri
Lee
Brandon
Tony

Thanks for agreeing to speak at our World AIDS Day program at the Fulton County Government Building on December 1. I've asked each of you to speak for about 5 minutes on the topic of "Remembrance and Hope." Knowing what a talented bunch you are, I can't wait to hear your messages of inspiration. If we could plan on meeting at 11:30 in the atrium, we can go over the order of the program, and have time for any last minute logistical needs you may have. I'll be out of town all next week, so this will have to suffice as your official reminder.

To the best of my knowledge, this will be the only public event commemorating World AIDS Day this year. (There are the usual number of smaller programs and health fairs). Because of that, I'm hoping that we can attract some media attention. If any of you cannot make the program, please call the office and leave a message on my voice-mail. The Fulton County Building is located at 141 Pryor Street. I usually find that it's easiest to park at the Underground Atlanta parking lot on MLK and walk a half block to the atrium entrance.

See you then --- and have a great Thanksgiving. I'll be giving thanks to know all of you!

Remembrance and Hope

Agenda:

- I Reading of Names
- II Welcome - Jeff
- III Personal Reflections of Remembrance and Hope
 - Tony
 - Lee
 - Lynda
 - Sheri
 - Brandon
- IV Closing - a moment of personal reflection

World Aids Day ^{Dec 1, 1997}
Mon @ noon

Remembrance & Hope

Greetings

I am a Black
Gay man and I have been
HIV+ since 1984, the year after
I graduated from High School.

On this day, like so many
others: I AM REMEMBERING...

Coree Acree / Alexis Alexander
John Paul Cherry / Charles Coleman
Bernard Davis / Ronald Flannagan
Charles Gilford / Anderson Griffin
R. Leigh "Fu" Johnson / Lynberg Scott
Clarence Leroy Solomon Jr.
Nicholas Wayne Solomon

Richard Wayne Solomon
Charles Lewis Solomon Jr.
R. Keith "Son" Solomon / Stephen Scott
Charles Wilford / Andrew Griffin
Bernard Davis / Ronald Flanagan
John Paul Gray / Charles Coleman
Cora Green / Alice Chapman
Others: I AM REMEMBERING
On this day, like so many
I graduated from High School
HIV+ since 1984, the year after
Left mom and I have been
Greetings I am a Black

I am remembering that @ 32 yrs young
I've attended ~~ed~~ more funerals of young
Black Brothers who ~~is~~ were overcome by
the ravages of AIDS than I have
WEDINGS.

I am remembering the day
I told my family **I HAVE AIDS**
The ~~words~~ ^{words} that got lost in their heads
The sounds of despair that finally
escaped from their mouths.

I am remembering preparing to DIE,
making Funeral arrangements and
thinking of a way to ~~continue~~ ^{confine}
my conservative Southern Baptist
Parents to have my remains
Cremated.

Completed.

Parents to have my remains

my conservative Southern Baptist

thinking of a way to ~~conserve~~ ^{conserve}

Making funeral arrangements and

I am remembering preparing to die

escaped from their mouths.

The sounds of despair that finally

The ~~words~~ that got lost in their hands

I tell my family I HAVE AIDS

I am remembering the day

WEDNES.

the ravages of AIDS than I have

Black & others who were overcome by

his attempt ~~more~~ more funerals of young

I am remembering that @ 32 years old

Yet I am not without HOPE
I am Hoping that all people take
the time to educate themselves
and their families about HIV & AIDS.
I am Hoping that more minority
Churches, Mosques, Temples, and
Houses of Worship get involved
in ~~the~~ ~~care~~ the care of persons living
with AIDS without being judgemental.

I believe that if we rely on
the knowledge and strength of each
of every one of us, regardless
of sexual orientation, race, gender
identity or economic status —
We can end this pandemic.
For if there is a cure for one,
there must be a cure for ALL.

For if there is a cure for one,
we can find this pandemic.
identity as economic status -
of cultural orientation, race, gender
of every one of us, regardless
the knowledge and strength of each
I believe that if we help one
with AIDS without being frightened
in ~~the~~ the case of becoming living
forces of leadership get involved
Chicanos, Vietnamese, Japanese, and
I am hoping that more University
and their families about HIV/AIDS.
the time to educate themselves
I am hoping that all people take
that I am not without HIV/AIDS

We are living longer and
healthier lives with this VIRUS
and becoming more creative
in handling the psychological effects
of this pandemic.

The one thing we cannot
live with is SILENCE
— for —

IN SILENCE lies the seeds
of FEAR and in fear there
can be no LOVE and Love is
the most precious gift we have.

It is not easy

It has not been easy

and I ^{KNOW} ~~suspect~~ that there will
always be challenges in living
with this VIRUS. But it is a
process that I face one day at

Will you thinking longer and
further live with this idea
and becoming more creative
in handling the psychological aspect
of the problem.
The one thing we cannot
live with is SILENCE
for —

In SILENCE lies the seeds
of FEAR and in fear there
Grows the seed of LOVE and Love is
the most precious gift we have.
It is not easy

It has not been easy
and I ~~know~~ ^{know} that there will
always be challenges in living
with this idea. But it is a
process that I face and accept

84
27/3
A time.

Rising every day knowing that I am
Blessed - I am still here

I Can make a difference.
~~There is no longer a need for me~~

I would like to leave you with the
words of Craig Reynolds

1/2/10

2 times.

Praying every day knowing that I am

Blessed - I am still here

I can make a difference.
~~I can make a difference.~~

I would like to have you with the

words of Christ's promises

Tony, you are fabulous!

**AIDS 101 Awareness & Action Seminar
Program Evaluation**

Date: Jan. 24, 1998

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church

Session: Living with HIV/AIDS

Speaker: Tony Daniels

Evaluation Score Average: 1 (Poor) through 5 (Excellent)

Information presented was valuable - 4.5

Information provided met my needs - 4.5

Course description accurately described course content - 4.5

Speaker(s) kept my attention - 4.9

Speaker(s) interacted well with participants - 4.8

Speaker(s) was knowledgeable about the subject matter - 4.9

please speak
again. Always
good to see
you.
Caroline

Number of attendees in session: 22

Comments:

- Interesting to hear the day to day triumphs and struggles.
- Really great speaker.
- Informative but too new age for me.
- The speaker, though I didn't always agree, had a very honest approach. He didn't hold back for any reason-have to respect this.
- I appreciate Tony's honesty.
- Very enlightening.
- Superb! Informative!

AIDS 101 - AID ATLANTA

1. Survey the guidance
 - A. Why did you choose this session
 - B. What are your issues as a positive person - If Positive
 - C. as a negative person
2. Capitalize on the needs of the group
3. Be prepared to do interactions with the audiences

101 - AID ATLANTA

2. Summary the conference

B. What did you discuss the process

B. What are the major issues and problems

process - T. F. Positive

C. Is a positive process

2. Capitalizing on the results of the group

3. Be prepared for the future

with the results

Being Your Own Advocate

Things to Keep in Mind:

- You know yourself better than anyone else, if something doesn't feel right, sound right, or seem right-- it probably isn't.
- Asking questions is a good thing! Often advocacy is nothing more than clearing up a misunderstanding.
- Write things down, and keep good records. These are your proof of what was said, what was promised, and what you've asked for. Make notes of phone calls, meetings, and people you speak with.
- Know where to go for help. If you feel you need assistance with a problem, feel free to call AIDS Survival Project, AIDS Legal Project, or consult with your own attorney.
- Remember you have legal protection to ensure confidentiality of your medical condition and a right to access of health care and public facilities.
- Don't sign something unless you know what exactly you are signing.
- Knowledge = Power. Know what your protections are. Read things such as insurance documents, non-discrimination clauses, and company disability policies carefully.

Central United Methodist Church

AIDS 101 Awareness & Action Seminar

Date: November 15, 1997

Location: Central United Methodist Church

Session: Overall Opinion of AIDS 101

Evaluation Score Average: 1 (poor) through 5 (Excellent)

Information presented was valuable - 4.8

Information provided met my needs - 4.6

Course descriptions accurately described courses - 4.7

Speakers kept my attention - 4.7

Speakers interacted well with participants - 4.8

Speakers were knowledgeable about the subject matter - 4.8

AIDS 101 volunteers were helpful - 4.7

I would recommend AIDS 101 to a friend - 4.8

Comments:

- Very organized; well thought out; ran smoothly.
- Very personally empowering. My boyfriend is HIV+ and I don't feel as overwhelmed as I did before.
- It was more informative than I expected. I enjoyed it.
- Overall great program, though a bit too lengthy (by about 3 hours).
- Not enough time for questions in some instances.
- A good day.
- This was a most enlightening, educational experiences. I will leave AIDS 101 with a better understanding than I've ever had before.
- A great, informative and beneficial day.
- A great course I will recommend highly.
- Well organized; very informative. I realized that even though I am pretty informed, there is so much to learn.
- Great program - for a Saturday!
- This program was absolutely wonderful and educational. I am glad I came. Thank you.
- I felt very welcomed and everyone was very kind and helpful.
- I will share with my niece and nephew.
- Sometimes the speakers seemed rushed and too much distraction in AIDS in African American session.

- It was great.
- One session the speaker didn't seem knowledgeable and one session the speaker did not interact well with audience.
- Classes too short but what else can you do?
- I enjoyed these classes and will try to attend other seminars.
- It was a good way to learn about AIDS.
- I enjoyed my day and expect to come back.
- Great course.
- Excellent.
- It was fun.
- Doors were mislabeled in the afternoon so we were late for a session.
- Examples were excellent. Knowledgeable and motivational speakers.
- Excellent - a day well spent.

My favorite part of the day was:

- The community resource fair.
- The Panel, Spirituality & Hiv, Sex, Drugs, & HIV, When Someone You Love Dies. The speakers were interested and expressed themselves well.
- I thoroughly enjoyed the panel discussions. It's one thing to hear about AIDS but it's another thing to actually listen to or know people living with the disease.
- I really enjoyed the speaker for General Overview and African American community. They were excellent.
- The last session was the most fun and informative. Ms. Fountaine was extremely powerful.
- The information and excitement of the program.
- The whole day.
- What HIV means and how you get HIV. General Medical; Personal experience.
- AIDS in the Heterosexual Community.
- Parents & Teens; When Someone You Love Has AIDS.
- The last session.
- Very informative and worthwhile.
- Living with HIV and the Fair.
- Every session was rewarding.
- Session 4 - Living with HIV/AIDS.
- Volunteer Overview and Personal Experience Panel - the information they shared was very helpful.
- Learning about a disease I knew little about.
- Dr. Dinges' presentation.
- Session #4 - Living with HIV/AIDS.
- Every session that I attended was very helpful and informative. I enjoyed the entire day.
- Personal Experience; Prevention.
- All day.
- All portions.

- Prevention because there's no cure.
- All.
- The panel discussion; it was very alarming to hear the knowledge from someone who has experienced AIDS.
- The motivational speakers and the speech at the end. They were really inspirational and emotional.
- Interacting at the Community Fair.
- Everything was great.
- The panel presentation and Ms. Fountaine.
- AIDS in the heterosexual community presentation.
- The General Medical class.
- The opportunity to learn more about AIDS.
- The whole day was wonderful. The long hours didn't seem that bad. The day was well spent.
- All of it.
- Best part was Debbie's presentation.
- Prevention.
- Description of ways to volunteer.
- Overview of services by AID Atlanta/Case Management.
- Session 5 - Changing Psychology of HIV.
- Classroom discussion and prevention session.
- Psychosocial issues - #3.
- Lunch was great.
- Meeting similar people.
- Prevention Because There is No Cure.
- Presenter with AIDS in the heterosexual community was outstanding as was the presenter in Advanced Medical.
- Personal Experience panel; Prevention session.
- Psychosocial Issues session.
- All day.
- General Medical Overview.
- General Medical Overview.
- Meeting lots of people who have the same passion I do for helping others.
- Cathy Parson's talk.
- All of it - can't pick one.
- Listening and just being informed.
- When Someone You Love Has AIDS.
- The overall variety.

The most interesting or useful thing I learned today was:

- The role of a case manager.
- I am not alone!
- A long day but well worth it!
- Death & Dying session. I learned a lot. Thanks.

- Personal Experience panel and their lifestyles and backgrounds.
 - How to react to people who are HIV positive.
 - Lots of people still have compassion and souls. Since I am attending this workshop in a church, I guess I have to expect the Prevention session, but I expect diversity should be respected and embraced of all possible participants in the audience.
 - Everything.
 - The most helpful thing we can do as people is to help those with HIV prepare to LIVE and not to DIE. They still have many of the same needs as everyone else, just also some specific needs that should be addressed.
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- Do not focus on the cause of AIDS; however, since AIDS is epidemic among black females, I believe focus on the cause is necessary. Latex gloves are a hot commodity in prison.
 - AIDS & Women.
 - How helpful and useful in prevention I can be.
 - Stats on spread of HIV/AIDS among African American women. Info on denial ?? Among heterosexuals and need for more publicity/education in this population.
 - Childkind's respite child care.
 - All of the resources available to people with AIDS.
 - Practice safe sex.
 - That people are living with AIDS. It is no longer an instant death disease. I'm feeling much better about being tested for HIV/AIDS.
 - HIV/AIDS is changing daily. The most effective prevention is education and no sex.
 - Simple facts about HIV/AIDS that I didn't know.
 - At an Atlanta high school blood drive, 70% of blood given turned up positive for HIV.
 - How very widespread HIV is.
 - Each one teach one!
 - The importance of teaching other people, especially minority women about HIV/AIDS.
 - I really loved the entire seminar. I am truly grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the AIDS 101 Seminar. The seminar has taught me a new way of thinking and I will be so gracious as to volunteer.
 - "Lollies" oral sex dams.
 - I saw a dental dam and female condom for the first time.
 - Prevention...because there is no cure.
 - Living negative; Parents & Teens.
 - Everything.
 - Dental dams.
 - Parent/teen group.
 - Be in control about your life.
 - Not to judge a person by live style. AIDS can affect all races, economic level, creed, background, or human race.
 - Testing info.
 - Volunteer opportunities.
 - The overall operation and services provided by AID Atlanta.

BROTHERS BACK TO BACK QUESTIONNAIRE-FEB. 1998

1. How did you hear about Brothers Back to Back?
2. Are you HIV positive and if so how long ago was your diagnosis?
3. Are you currently taking medications to treat your HIV? and if so which ones?
4. Please select the range which best describes your T-cell count
0-200 _____ 201-499 _____ 500+ _____
5. How often do you visit your doctor's office?
6. Do you have a private physician or are you seen at a local clinic (please specify which clinic)
7. Are you currently employed ? If no are you receiving some type of disability or retirement benefits?
8. How many times a week if any do you exercise?
9. Describe your relationship with your doctor?
10. Do you take your medications as described? and if not why?
11. Where do you receive support outside of BB2B?

12. What changes if any would you make to the structure of BB2B?

13. How is the group meeting your needs?

14. Do you feel comfortable sharing where you are emotionally or physically in group ?

If yes why or if not why?

15. Would you support an educational component being added one Monday out of the month where healthcare professionals come in and speak to the group?

16. Are you actively seeking information to educate yourself on current medications and services being provided to HIV patients?

17. Are you currently sexually active and if so do you disclose your status to your partners?

18. How do you deal with depression in your life?

19. Describe your attitude about your life?

20. What is your current housing situation? (do you live alone, public housing, or home owner)

21. Are you currently using alternative therapies to treat your HIV? and if so which ones?

Jonny Daniel

1/27/98

(Activist/HIV/AIDS MOTIVATIONAL
EDUCATOR
CONSCIOUSNESS
RAISER)

1. P R packet
2. Head Shot
3. Resume
4. Bio -
5. References - Jeff Graham - executive director ASP
6. Videotape

1/27/88

Jeff D. Davis

(Activity / HIV/AIDS
Education
Programs)

299 packet
299 sheet

3. Resources
4. Prio -

5. References - 207 Gram - exact the director ASP

6. Videotape

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AIDS 101

Awareness and Action Seminar

☞ Thank you for joining us for the first AIDS 101 of 1998! ☞

Who:

☆ Tony Daniels

When:

☞ Saturday, January 24, 1998

Where:

☛ Covenant Presbyterian Church
2461 Peachtree Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30305 (Directions on back)

Session:

💡 Living with HIV/AIDS

Time:

🕒 3:10 - 3:50

AV Equipment Needed:

📽 flip chart

Remember:

When you arrive, please go to Speaker sign-in. We will pair you with a volunteer to introduce you and get you a name tag. Any 101 volunteer should be able to direct you to speaker sign-in. Thank you!

Phone Numbers:

☎ Morris Boze, Speaker Co-Chair, AIDS 101 Volunteer
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Jennifer McManus, Speaker Co-Chair, AIDS 101 Volunteer
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Emergency Cell Phone Number for Saturday, January 24
404-271-1393

800 people attended six AIDS 101 seminars in 1997. This seminar could not happen without people like you sharing your time and knowledge.

Thank you!

The January 24, 1998

AIDS 101 Seminar

is at **Covenant Presbyterian Church**
at **2461 Peachtree Road NE in Buckhead**

**To Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2461 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, GA 30305
404-237-0363:**

MARTA: From the Arts Center or Lenox Marta station, take the number 23 bus. It runs on weekends. Tell the bus driver you are going to the corner of Peachtree and Terrace near Peachtree Battle Shopping Center.

From I-20: Take I-20 to 75/85 North. See directions below.

Going North on I-75/I-85: Take Peachtree St. exit 101 and make a right. Go three lights to Peachtree St. and make a left. Covenant Presbyterian will be on your right one mile past Houston's restaurant on your left.

Going South on I-75/I-85: Take Exit 28, the Buford Highway connector and take it to Peachtree Rd. north. Covenant Presbyterian will be on your right one mile past Houston's restaurant on your left.

From GA-400 Southbound: Take exit 2 and make a right on the Buckhead Loop. Make a left on Piedmont Rd. and at the second light, make a right on Peachtree Rd. Covenant Presbyterian will be on your left one mile past Publix grocery store on your right.

From Buckhead/Midtown: Take Peachtree St. north towards Buckhead. Covenant Presbyterian will be on your right one mile past Houston's restaurant on your left.

Parking: There is free parking on Terrace Dr. next to the church and in Peachtree Battle Shopping Center. Parking behind the church will be reserved for Speakers.

On Peachtree, the church is in between Lindbergh Drive and the Burger King. Look for a tan colored brick church.

Living with HIV/AIDS

This session is about living with HIV/AIDS. It's about sources of help, support, knowledge, and empowerment. Discussion will include topics such as disclosure, managing your health, relationships, coping with bureaucracy and how to deal with the unknown.

Time: 3:10 to 3:50

Living with HIV/AIDS Session Outline

1. Testing positive for HIV
 - a. AIDS vs. HIV infection vs. AIDS-related illnesses
 - b. time frames for illness progression
 - c. formulating a plan of action
2. Knowledge and Empowerment
 - a. sources of help for information (books, hotlines, etc.)
 - b. groups that help provide services and information
 - c. support from family and friends
 - d. spiritual help
 - e. medical issues
 - 1) choosing a primary care physician
 - 2) getting the latest information concerning treatments
 - 3) medications: old/new/prophylactic
 - 4) knowing your insurance (if you have that option)
 - 5) knowing state and federal sources of financial help, if needed
 - 6) your rights and responsibilities
3. Disclosure
 - a. co-workers
 - b. family
 - c. friends
 - d. physician (e.g. old family doctor)

of any

ANTHONY C. DANIELS "TONY" is a black gay southern queen, living with aids. Tony tested positive for HIV in 1985 , but believes he was probably infected a year earlier, one year after he graduated from high school at the tender age of 19. He spent the first 9yrs. of infection in various stages of denial around his own status while trying to cope with the death and dying of many of his dearest friends and extended gay family. "I saw brothers deteriorate into nothingness, but it was not until 1994 my first bout with PCP that I made up my mind to fight for life." "I will not go gently into the night", "I will not be silent." It is this philosophy that led him into activism. Years of experience and countless conversation with other PLWA'S has proven that the best approach to health care is to become actively involved in your treatment , stay informed , and access the services that will help you maintain a well rounded life.

Tony is actively involved in the lesbianbigantrans community. He is past co-chair of the planning committee of In The Life Atlanta , and has been a board member since 1996. He is a member of Second Sunday , and Brothers back to Back and is also a founding member of ADDODI MUSE , Atlanta's only gay negroe ensemble-a performance poetry trio.

4/11/97

Something to say while lying in the arms of

Some 2000 faces voices ^{transitioned} energies they
were reminders that **WE ARE IN BATTLE**
They never occupied much of my personal
space beyond my vision
Their lives were displayed by family, friends,
lovers, colleagues woven into tapestries,
paintings, prints ^{in "quiet"} alter to their memories
or brief words were printed as testament
to their existence given names like chitwanis,
memoriam, in memory of
They are reminders to me that **WE ARE AT WAR**

Some 500 familiar faces names, lives
personality into memory they are proof
that **SILENCE IS AN ENEMY**

Constantly bombarded with their images, juxtaposed
on the cover of magazines, ^{and newspapers} the trucks of CDS,
in stadiums, on playing fields or paraded across stages referred to
as entertainment

Inspiring us to be creative, to think, to challenge
the status quo, to aspire for greatness, to
Their actions often contradicting their media
glorified personalities

In the end they were said to have succumbed to
a rare cancer, heart failure, meningitis,
pneumonia anything but the **TRUTH**
AIDS HAS NO RESPECT OF PERSON

7/11/18

43 Brothers whose presence is seared into the
walls of my brain, their likenesses tattooed in
the chambers of my heart - a well from which
my thirsty soul can be satiated
They filled my eyes with their beauty, flooded
my mind with their knowledge, and wrapped arms around me filled with
warmth and Love

Our spirits on occasion mingled in great
delight as we exchanged precious energy -
when no words were needed

Tony
(Bobby)

An experience from 1984

I sometimes feel like gay men are dangling by their fingers from the edges of a roof, and every minute or so you can look over at the man next to you just in time to see him let go and drop. But up on the top of the roof, the rest of the country is having a cocktail party - and except for those people who are walking around stepping on our fingers, they're not even aware we're hanging there. Yet man after man lets go and falls, and you're dangling there and thinking, "can I really hang on? How long can I hang on? This seems impossible." And man after man loses his grip and falls to his death, and up above you hear ice tinkling in the glasses, but the pile of bodies down below is just getting higher and higher.

Final Order for Vigil

8:15 Begin Reading of names, about three minutes before we officially begin, Edwin will read names of Hispanic men with a special mention in Spanish and English, then we will begin with the agency list.

I. Welcome to Park -- John Howell Park Assoc. (Jerry Bright or Rick Porter)

II. Welcome to Vigil -- Jeff

III. 81-85 Reading 1 -- 1983, Margie
 Reading 2 -- 1984, Tony

IV. Speaker on 81-85 -- Kurt Rahn

V. Music -- Lynn

VI. 86-90 Reading 3 -- 1988, Fr. Dillman
 Reading 4 -- 1988, Todd

VII. 91-95 Reading 5 -- 1992, Gerome
 Reading 6 -- 1994, Bill

VIII. Music -- chorus

IX. Speaker -- The Survival Generation -- Jamey Rousey

X. Lighting of the candles
 a. Jamey instructs people to form circle
 b. begin passing out candles
 c. music -- flutes
 d. Lighting of Candles -- Craig Washington

XI. Music -- chorus

XII. Hope Reading 7 -- present day reflections, Brandon
 Reading 8 -- poem, The Color of Light, Eddie

Goodnight.

Tentative Order for Vigil

I. Welcome to Park -- John Howell Park Assoc. (Jesse Peel)

II. Welcome to Vigil -- Jeff

III. 81-85 Reading 1 -- 1983, Margie

Reading 2 -- 1984, Bobby (?)

IV. Speaker on 81-85 -- Kurt Rahn

V. Music -- Lynn

VI. 86-90 Reading 3 -- 1988, Fr. Dillman

Reading 4 -- 1988, Todd

VII. Speaker on 86-90 -- Hubert Alexander

VIII. Music -- chorus

IX. 91-95 Reading 5 -- 1992, Gerome

Reading 6 -- 1994, Bill

XI. Speaker -- The Survival Generation -- Jamey Rousey

XII. Lighting of the candles

a. Jamey instructs people to form circle

b. begin passing out candles

c. music -- flutes

d. inspirational speaker leading into lighting of candles -- Craig Washington

XIII. Music -- chorus

XIV. Hope Reading 7 -- present day reflections, Brandon

Reading 8 -- poem, The Color of Light, Eddie

Goodnight.

8:15 PM

8:30 PM starts

Tony Daniels

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Tony, you were/are fabulous. Thank you for speaking. Please come do it again. I hope you have a joyous holiday and happy new year.
Caroline

**AIDS 101 Awareness & Action Seminar
Program Evaluation**

Date: November 15, 1997

Location: Central United Methodist Church

Session: Living with HIV/AIDS

Speaker: Tony Daniels

Evaluation Score Average: 1 (Poor) through 5 (Excellent)

Information presented was valuable - 4.6

Information provided met my needs - 4.6

Course description accurately described course content - 4.7

Speaker(s) kept my attention - 4.9

Speaker(s) interacted well with participants - 5.00

Speaker (s) was knowledgeable about the subject matter - 4.8

Number of attendees in session: 23

Comments:

- Tony was very honest and open.
- The speaker was very open, interesting, and resourceful.
- I felt very comfortable asking questions with this speaker.
- Wow!
- Enjoyed speaker- good listening skills.
- Impressive speaker in sharing his personal experience.
- Made everyone feel comfortable and very helpful.
- Tony was excellent, honest, and open. I really enjoyed this session.
- Good presenter.
- The speaker was excellent!!

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